

Remarks

With this Second Preliminary Amendment claims 1-57 are pending in the present application. (We noticed that we had a claim numbering problem -- two claim 38s. We have changed the second claim 38 to now be claim 39.).

Some of the claims are amended herein in an editorial manner. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not in response to prior art or any formal defect. Claims 48-57 are newly presented herein. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added with this Amendment.

An information disclosure statement and form PTO-1449 are concurrently filed herewith. Consideration of the documents cited therein is requested.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 503-495-4575 if any questions arise during examination.

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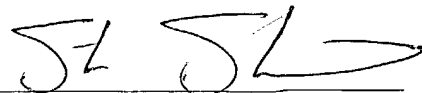
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